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SUBJECT: CALL ON COORDINATION MINISTER MITSOTAKIS

1. DURING A COURTESY CALL ON COORDINATION MINISTER MITSOTAKIS JUNE 22, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATE OF US-GREEK RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS AGAINST THE ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY, AND THE FUTURE COURSE OF OUR RELATIONS WHEN THE EMBARGO IS EVENTUALLY LIFTED. MITSOTAKIS SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE REMOVAL OF THE EMBARGO WOULD DO IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO US-GREEK RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IF THE EMBARGO DECISION IS ACCOMPANIED BY PARALLEL ACTIONS THAT WOULD EASE THE GREEK PUBLIC'S FEELINGS OF INSECURITY. MITSOTAKIS MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY ASSURANCES ON (A) GREEK TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE AEGEAN ISLANDS, AND (B) A CONTINUATION OF THE MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

2. I THEN BROACHED THE DESIRABILITY OF BROADENING US-GREEK RELATIONS BEYOND THE MILITARY/SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS WHICH BIND OUR TWO NATIONGT MITSOTAKIS WAS RECEPTIVE AND EXPRESSED A KEEN INTEREST IN EXPLORING WAYS FOR DOING SO. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO COME UP WITH SOME CONCRETE IDEAS AND PROPOSALS ON THE SUBJECT AND WOULD DISCUSS THEM WITH ME AT OUR MUTUAL
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3. TURNING TO DOMESTIC GREEK POLITICS, MITSOTAKIS WAS CONFIDENT THAT PAPANDREOU'S POLITICAL POWER HAD PEAKED AND THAT CARAMANLIS' NEW DEMOCRACY, STRENGTHENED BY ITS ABSORPTION OF SOME OF THE CENTER UNION, WOULD DEFEAT THE PASOK FORCES IN THE UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER. MITSOTAKIS BELIEVES THAT THE GOVERN-

MENT'S ARGUMENTS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES AND EC MEMBERSHIP IN PARTICULAR ARE VERY PERSUASIVE AND THAT HAVING DRAWN PAPANDREOU INTO AN OPEN DEBATE, CARAMANLIS AND HIS PARTY WILL SUCCEED IN WEAKENING THE OPPOSITION. MITSOTAKIS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT MUCH WILL ALSO DEPEND ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SKILLFUL USE OF THE MASS MEDIA, PARTICULARLY TV.

4. COMMENT: I WAS IMPRESSED BY MITSOTAKIS' ABILITY TO LOOK BEYOND THE EMBARGO ISSUE AND HIS INTEREST IN WORKING WITH US TO BROADEN US-GREEK RELATIONS. I BELIEVE WE CAN AND SHOULD DO MORE TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS DIRECTION. I SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT MITSOTAKIS IS SOMEWHAT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO HANDILY DEFEAT PAPANDREOU'S SUPPORTERS IN THE OCTOBER LOCAL ELECTIONS.
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